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CEC Meeting with the Steering Committee on Marine Litter Project

This week, OITA participated in the Steering Committee meeting for the CEC marine litter project “Building Community Solutions for Marine Litter”. The project is nearing completion after almost two years, and focuses on two watersheds, the Salish Sea and Tijuana River, to work with stakeholders in the region to help them coordinate binationally on their marine litter problems in shared water resources. The meeting focused on developing an outreach and communications plan for materials, which include videos that give an overview of the projects in each watershed. The Steering Committee shared feedback on what the successes of the project are and the lessons learned to help inform future work in the region on marine litter. The CEC marine litter project is expected to completely wrap up in April. [Horan, Sims, Krejci]

Consultation on New, Global Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining (ASGM) “Impact Marketplace”

This week, OITA provided input into the development of a new, global ASGM “Impact Marketplace”, designed to support the implementation of the recently released *Code of Risk mitigation for Artisanal and small-scale mining engaging in Formal Trade* (CRAFT). CRAFT is a new artisanal and small-scale mine (ASM) certification mechanism to help artisanal miners assess critical social and environmental risks and practices, confirm conformity with key due diligence expectations such as the *OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Minerals Supply Chains*, and establish plans for risk mitigation and improved practice such as reducing the use of mercury to extract gold. The *CRAFT Impact Marketplace* will be an online portal profiling and linking eligible artisanal miners, buyers, potential sources of finance, NGOs, other providers of technical support or training, and donors who wish to support the improvement of economic, social and environmental practices in the artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) sector. [Vauter]

Multi-Stakeholder Roundtable on Citizen Engagement in the Extractives Sector

OITA participated in a multi-stakeholder meeting hosted by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to discuss perspectives and ideas presented in a recently released IDB publication entitled, *Extractive sector and civil society: when*

the work of communities, governments and industries leads to development. This meeting brought together representatives from governments, multi-lateral organizations, NGOs, and private industry to explore and discuss ways to better engage with communities impacted by large international mining projects. Participants exchanged thoughts on how large-scale mines can mitigate conflict with, and contribute to the development and formalization of, artisanal and small-scale gold miners, especially traditional miners who have been mining these territories for generations. The Minamata Convention on Mercury calls on countries with artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) to develop national action plans (NAPs) to reduce the use of mercury in ASGM through formalization of the sector. [Vauter]

Minamata Convention – COP2 Review

OITA convened a meeting between EPA and the Department of State to review the decisions and actions coming from the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP2) which took place November 19-23, 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland. The review took on added significance as there has been a lack of consistency in how the decisions have been reported in the follow-up documents developed by the Secretariat. In addition to this review, the meeting also confirmed EPA's participation on intersessional technical expert groups, and the response of U.S. concerns raised for discussion at the recent Bureau meeting. EPA and the Department of State also led an interagency debrief on COP2. [Bailey, Sims, Marzouk, Vauter, Ankrah]

Meeting with UN Environment and World Health Organization on the Lead Paint Alliance

This week OGAP met with the Secretariat of the Lead Paint Alliance, which is jointly run by UN Environment and WHO, to discuss progress in the Alliance, including an update on the UN Environment Global Environment Facility (GEF) Lead Paint Project. UN Environment launched the GEF Lead Paint Project in January at a workshop with the project partners, including the International Paint and Printing Ink Council, IPEN (a global environmental NGO), the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, the Economic Commission of West African States, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) National Cleaner Production Centers (NCPCs), and WHO. In the coming months regional work on lead paint laws will be kicked off at workshops to be held in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, Africa and Asia and work to help small and medium size enterprises in the paint industry to reformulate paint to be lead additive-free will be launched in Jordan, Peru, China, Indonesia and Nigeria. EPA, as the Chair of the Lead Paint Alliance and also as a GEF project partner, will be assisting partners in this work. EPA, WHO and UN Environment also discussed strategies for raising awareness about lead paint laws and the GEF Lead Paint Project at upcoming international meetings on chemicals management. [Smith, Bandemehr]

Planning meeting for launch of Paint Industry Work of the UN Environment GEF Lead Paint Project

Over the last two weeks, OGAP participated in several planning meetings for the launch of work with small and medium size enterprises (SMEs) in the paint industry. This work is occurring as part of a UN Environment GEF Lead Paint Project (see above). One meeting was hosted by the UNIDO NCPC in Jordan to plan a launch workshop in Amman, Jordan. The Jordan SME work launch workshop will be in March and hosted by the UNIDO Cleaner Production Center in Amman, Jordan. It comprises a meeting with government and NGOs and a meeting with SMEs to present the GEF Lead Paint Project objectives, which are to work with the Jordanian government to develop effective lead paint laws and with Jordanian SMEs to share best practices for producing lead additive-free paints. The other meeting was hosted by the UNIDO NCPC in Serbia, which is overseeing all of the SME work in the GEF Project, to obtain expert input the outline of Technical Guidance for SMEs in the paint industry. In addition to EPA, experts included a medium-sized paint company from the Philippines and IPEN, and environmental NGO that has worked closely with SMEs in developing countries. [Bandemehr, Huber]

Meeting on the Knowledge Management Component of the UN Environment GEF SAICM Project

OGAP participated in a meeting of the project partners of the Knowledge Management component of the UN Environment GEF Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) Project. In addition to lead paint, Knowledge Management is one of the components of the larger GEF SAICM Project. EPA provided input to help ensure that the Knowledge Management work will effectively promote the work under the Lead Paint component of the GEF Project. [Marzouk, Bandemehr]

Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles (PCFV) Used Vehicles Report

EPA is a founding member of the PCFV, which is a global public-private partnership led by UN Environment. The PCFV successfully helped to eliminate lead from gasoline world-wide and is making great strides in promoting lower sulfur fuels. PCFV also promotes clean vehicle technologies, which are dependent on the availability of cleaner fuels to function effectively. One of the main issues for developing countries is that the vehicle fleet is very old and polluting, often from imported used vehicles. To present best practices and recommendations for addressing used vehicles, the PCFV developed a Used Vehicles Report. Automotive and fuels industry associations were involved in its development, and EPA provided comments on the report. [Bandemehr]

EU-Canada Microplastics Roundtable

EPA this week provided input into preparations for a Roundtable hosted by the EU and Canada under the auspices of the French G7 Presidency on microplastics pollution. The Roundtable was designed to provide scientific advice to advance cooperation on microplastics, and it avoided policy discussions. The United States was represented at the closed session by Bill Gibbons-Fly, Acting DAS for Oceans and Fisheries at the State Department, accompanied by Dr. Suzanne Van Drunick of EPA/ORD, and Nancy Wallace of NOAA. The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy ran point on the USG preparations for the meeting. Several EPA staff attended the open afternoon session. [Bailey, Torney]

Website Statistics – International Cooperation Microsite

Please find below website statistics from the International Cooperation website and social media statistics from the @EPAAllNations twitter account for January 2018. [Marzouk]

January 2019 Summary:

- Total pageviews: 21,298
- Total sessions: 15,565
- Total users: 13,571
- Average pageviews per day: 687
- Avg time spent on individual page: 3:24
- Countries of visitors: 173

Top 20 pages:

1. POPs
2. E-waste (main)*
3. Mercury Emissions - Global Context
4. Protecting the Marine Environment*
5. ASGM without mercury
6. PPG - Introduction to Public Participation*
7. International Cooperation (home page)
8. EPA's Role with UNEP
9. PPG – Public Meetings
10. PPG - Process Planning
11. Reducing Mercury Pollution from ASGM
12. Minamata Convention on Mercury*
13. Transboundary Air Pollution*
14. PPG - Selecting the Right Level
15. EPA Collaboration with China*
16. PPG – Tools to Inform the Public
17. EPA Collaboration with Canada*
18. Where EPA Works around the World
19. Reducing Air Pollution from International Transportation
20. PPG – Tools to Generate and Obtain Public Input

*Featured on International Cooperation home page.

Top countries of site users:

1. United States

2. India
3. Canada
4. Philippines
5. United Kingdom
6. Kenya
7. Australia
8. Germany
9. China
10. South Africa
11. Malaysia
12. Japan
13. Singapore
14. Tanzania
15. Mexico
16. Nigeria
17. Indonesia
18. Thailand
19. France
20. Netherlands

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No tweets in January.